

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An integrated circuit comprising a processor, non-volatile memory and a tamper detection line, the non-volatile memory storing a first number and a second number and the tamper detection line being arranged to pass directly over each data bit of the non-volatile memory so as to obscure operation of the non-volatile memory, wherein the second number is the result of an encryption function taking a third number and secret information as operands, the integrated circuit comprising software configured to decrypt the second number using the first number, thereby to determine the secret information as required.
2. (Original) An integrated circuit according to claim 1, wherein the first and third numbers are the same.
3. (Original) An integrated circuit according to claim 1, wherein the first and second numbers are of the same length.
4. (Original) An integrated number according to claim 1, wherein the first number is a random number that was generated using a stochastic process.
5. (Original) An integrated circuit according to claim 1, wherein the encryption function is an XOR logical function.
6. (Original) An integrated circuit according to claim 5, wherein the software is configured to decrypt the second number by performing an XOR logical function using the first and second numbers as operands.
7. (Previously presented) A method of manufacturing a plurality of integrated circuits in accordance with claim 1, including, for each integrated circuit, the steps of:
determining the first number, the third number and the secret information;

generating the second number by way of an encryption function that uses the third number and the secret information as operands;

storing the first and second numbers on the integrated circuit; and

obscuring the operation of the non-volatile memory with noise on the tamper detection line.

8. (Original) A method according to claim 7, wherein the first number is different amongst at least a plurality of the integrated circuits.

9. (Original) A method according to claim 8, wherein the first numbers are determined randomly, pseudo-randomly, or arbitrarily.

10. (Original) A method according to claim 7, wherein the first number is stored on the integrated circuit first, then extracted therefrom for use in generating the third and thence the second number.